

WO-305  
Johnson House  
Snow Hill  
Private

c. 1860

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOHNSON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WO-305

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
AGRARIAN/INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION  
1815-1870
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-305

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHNSON HOUSE

and/or common TAYLOR HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 206 South Washington Street \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Snow Hill \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Earl T. Taylor, Jr.

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Public Landing state and zip code MD

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 1265

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 388

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Johnson house, more commonly known as the Taylor house, is located at 206 South Washington Street in the southern residential section of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces southwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built around 1860, this two-story, side passage double-pile plan frame house is supported on a infilled brick pier foundation, and the house is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. Covering the steeply pitched gable roof is a layer of asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear is a story-and-a-half wing that has been converted to a garage.

The southwest (main) elevation faces South Washington Street, and it is a three bays across with an entrance in the northernmost opening. A two-panel front door, framed by four-light sidelights is topped by a five-light transom. The two adjacent openings are filled with six-over-six sash windows that retain louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are three six-over-six sash windows that also have louvered shutters. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice, and the corners of the house are trimmed with pilasters.

The southeast gable end elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a large interior end brick stack protruding through the west slope of the roof. A second, matching stack formerly rose through the east slope but was removed. A combination of six-over-six or four-over-four sash windows light the first and second floors. Fixed in the upper gable is a six-over-six attic window.

The northeast (rear) elevation is partially covered by the story-and-a-half wing that is sheltered on the south side by a turned post porch. A board door and a six-over-six sash window are sheltered by the porch. To the rear a slightly shorter gable roofed extension has been attached with a garage door opening cut through the end wall. Six-over-six sash windows remain to light the second floor.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. W0-305

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant/Worcester County date 9/30/89

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state MD 21871

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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WO-305  
JOHNSON HOUSE (TAYLOR HOUSE)  
206 South Washington Street  
Chain of title

WCL 1265/388

Lucile L. Taylor

to

1/20/1987

Earl Thomas Taylor, Jr. and Bonnie  
his wife  
NE side of Washington Street (once called  
New Lane) known as the Jennie L. Smith  
Homeplace  
Same as the property Leah Jane Johnson  
acquired from the Vestry of All Hallows  
Parish by deed date 10/11/1859  
WET 1/575

Upon her death the said Leah Jane Johnson  
devised said property unto her daughters  
Anna Evelyn Johnson and Jennie L. Smith

Anna Evelyn Johnson died intestate around  
May 8, 1920 leaving Jennie L. Smith her  
heir at law

Jennie L. Smith by will to Elizabeth  
Grace Stubbs, who conveyed property to  
Lucile L. Taylor and Earl T. Taylor as  
tenants by Aubrey R. Hottenstein and Maude  
C. Hottenstein 3/19/1955 E.W.R. 81/209

E.W.R. 81/209

Aubrey R. Hottenstein

to

3/19/1955

Earl T. Taylor and Lucile L. Taylor

E.W.R. 59/375

William H. Price, executor of will of  
Elizabeth Grace Stubbs, et. al. and Archer  
T. Mears and Mildred W. his wife who  
bought property for \$4100 at public auction

to

5/6/1953

Aubrey R. Hottenstein and Mildred W.  
his wife

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JOHNSON HOUSE  
206 South Washington Street  
Chain of title

Will Book	Last will and testament of
FEH/133	Jennie L. Smith
6/26/1915	to daughter, Elizabeth Grace Stubbs

WET 1/575	Vestry of All Hallows Church
	to

10/11//1859	Leah Jane Johnson wife of Charles
	\$100 all that parcel of land...being
	part of the lot of ground on the east side
	of New Lane

1860 UNITED STATES CENSUS FOR WORCESTER COUNTY

Charles Johnson,	30, M, Bricklayer
Leah Johnson	29, F, Milliner
Anna Johnson	3, F
Mary Johnson	2, F
George Johnson	15, Bricklayer

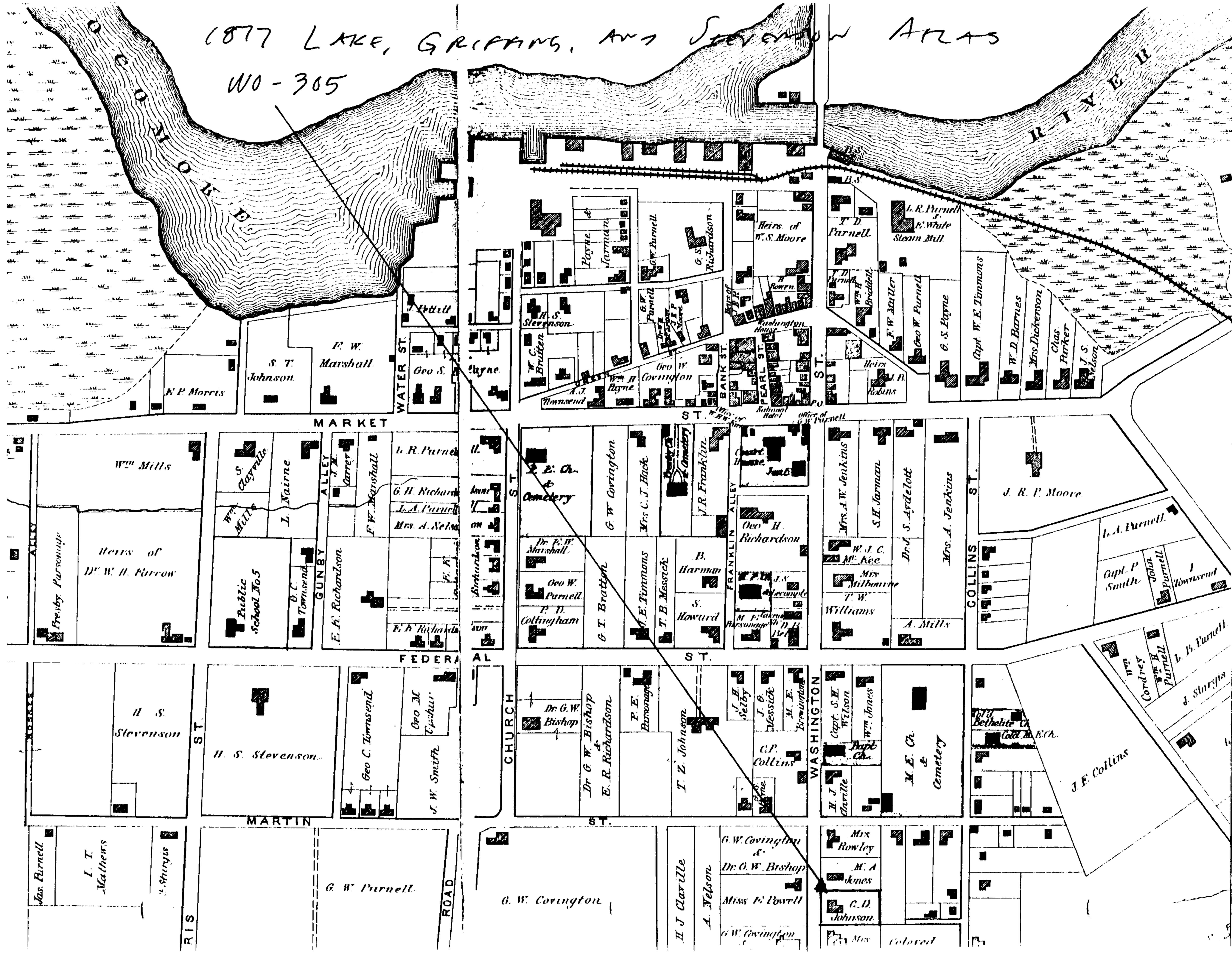
1870 UNITED STATES CENSUS FOR WORCESTER COUNTY

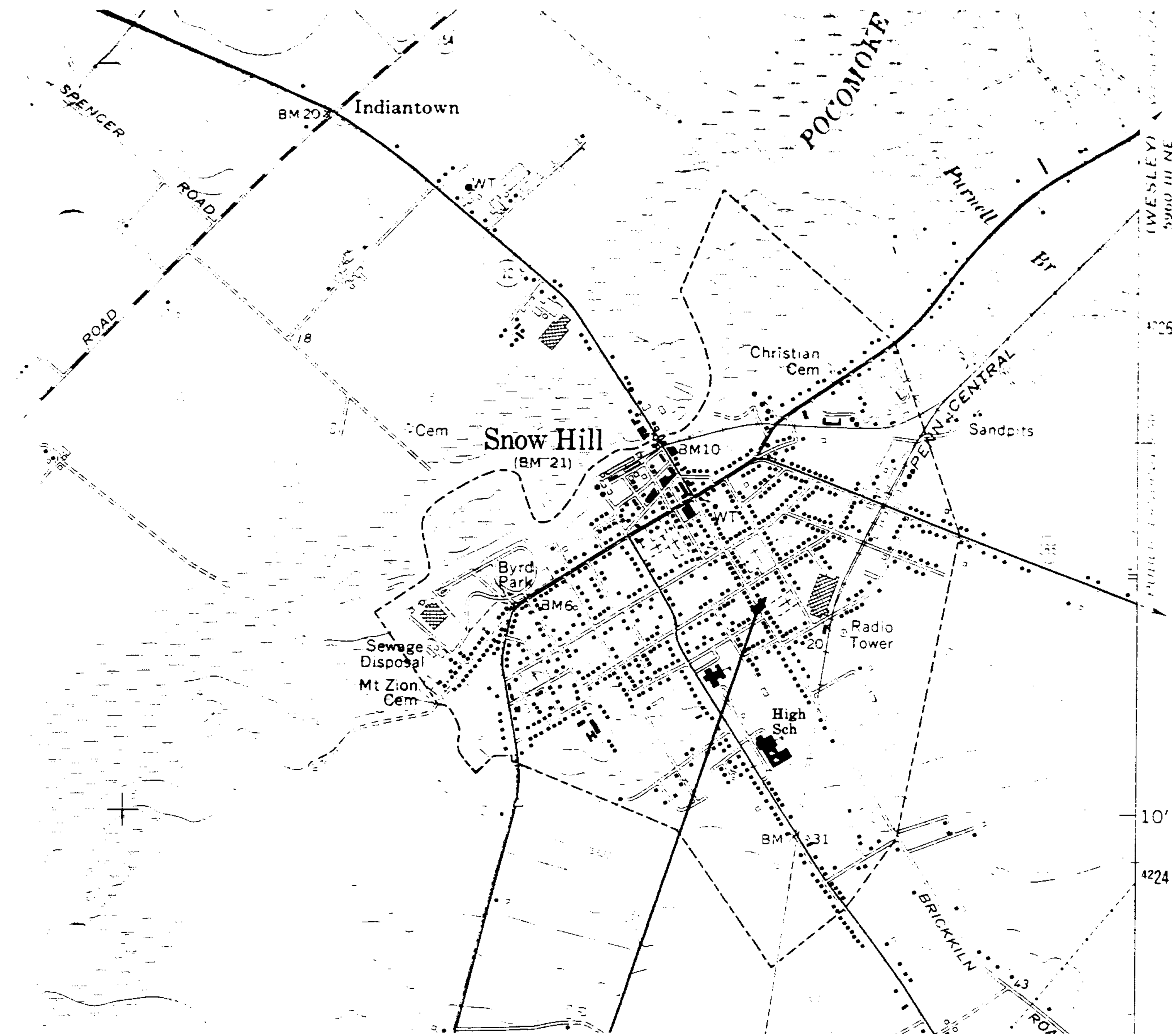
Charles Johnson,	40, M, Brick Mason	R.E. Value \$1300	P.P. \$150
Jane Johnson	35, F, Keeping House		
Annie Johnson	13, F, At school		
Mary Johson	11, F, At school		
Jennie Johnson	6, F, At school		
Mary Vincent	33, F, Domestic		
Ann Porter	20, F, Domestic		
Alice Gordy	6, F, Domestic		



1877 LAKE, GRIFFING, AND JEVONSON ATLAS

NO - 305





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JOHNSON HOUSE  
Snow Hill, Maryland Quadrangle  
1966

